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SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring J. Eric Dietz.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring J. Eric Dietz.

Whereas, J. Eric Dietz, Ph.D., Indiana's first executive director of the Department of Homeland Security, will be returning to Purdue University on March 14;

Whereas, As executive director, J. Eric Dietz was responsible for emergency management and homeland security throughout the state, including the development of a single strategic plan for responding to homeland security emergencies, overseeing the application and disbursement of federal homeland security funds, acting as the single emergency operations coordinator during a terrorist or homeland security attack, and serving as the director of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Council chaired by the lieutenant governor;

Whereas, J. Eric Dietz faced a challenge with courage and forthrightness and accomplished great things;

Whereas, During his term as executive director, J. Eric Dietz reorganized the Department of Homeland Security, which includes the divisions of planning and assessment, preparedness and training, emergency response and recovery, fire building safety, and the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center, in an effort to provide the state with a swifter and more efficient way to help those in need and protect our state in time of attack;



Whereas, The Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center was established to provide a unified system to collect, integrate, evaluate, analyze, and disseminate information to help local, state, and federal agencies to better respond in times of criminal or terrorist activities;

Whereas, Before coming to the Department of Homeland Security, J. Eric Dietz was the associate director of the e-Enterprise Center at Purdue University's Discovery Park and the managing director of the Purdue Homeland Security Institute;

Whereas, In addition to his work at Purdue, J. Eric Dietz was involved in the establishment of a cooperative research and development agreement with Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane, Indiana University, the Counter-Terrorism and Security Council, and Purdue to develop technology, tactics, and training for military and first responders;

Whereas, During his 22-year military career, J. Eric Dietz was involved in several security projects, including the development of detection programs for weapons of mass destruction, military power sources, chemical demilitarization, and decision-making software;

Whereas, J. Eric Dietz has spent his entire career developing and implementing programs to better protect and serve his state and his country; and

Whereas, With the increase of terrorist activity throughout the world, the threat of additional terror attacks on United States soil, and the ever present threat of natural disasters, the state of Indiana owes a debt of gratitude to J. Eric Dietz for developing an efficient and capable system that allows all state agencies to work together in harmony to provide relief to Hoosiers in need: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate acknowledges the
2 accomplishments and contributions of J. Eric Dietz and wishes him



1 continued success in all his future endeavors.

2 SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the
3 Secretary of the Senate to J. Eric Dietz.

